



# The Horizon



**From the Mayor's Office:** Menasha has taken on a new image and new beacon in the sky following a year of considerable construction throughout the City. It's been a successful year for our community, seeing both equalized values and new construction within the City higher than many of our neighboring communities, which shows people are re-discovering that Menasha is a great place to live.

Traditions continue to run deep as we build on long standing signature events like Seafoodfest, JazzFest, and CommunityFest. We also saw newer events, such as the Twisted Pistons Car Show, Porchapolloza, Rock the Block, Corney Community Walk, and Food Truck Rallies, that brought neighbors together. Strong sports traditions, like our State Champion Menasha Twins, NEWBL Champion Menasha Mac's, and Menasha Football, bring us together and act as ambassadors for Menasha. Events like these and dozens of others throughout the year are what give our community that special connection with people throughout the Fox Cities.

We've also seen a lot of activity improving the City's infrastructure this summer. Menasha invested over a million dollars this year on street construction without special assessments or other taxes. We have improved our city's parks by adding new playground equipment at Hart Park, building a completely new playground at our new east side park, and creating the area's first futsal court at Pleasants Park. We are also expanding our local trail system with a new trail being installed along Manitowoc Road to Barker Farm Park and the Loop the Lake Trestles design nearing completion.

Menasha is moving forward; expect to see more great strides in the coming months. We'll be seeking community input on the vision plan for Jefferson Park, acquiring the former Banta plant on the island with a commitment to enhance waterfront access, and potentially relocating City Hall just down Main Street to Harbor Place along with the Menasha School District. It's an exciting time to live here and experience all that Menasha has to offer.

## Fall 2016

### [Quick Directory](#)

#### **City Hall**

M-F 8am-4pm  
920-967-3600

#### **Public Works Facility**

M-F 7am-3pm  
920-967-3620

#### **Police Department**

Open 24 hours daily  
920-967-3500

#### **Menasha Public Library**

M-Th 8:30am-8:30pm  
Fri 8:30am-6:00pm  
Saturday 8:30am-4:30pm  
Sunday 1:00pm-5:00pm  
920-967-3660

#### **Menasha Utilities**

M-F 7:30am-4:00pm  
920-967-3400

#### **Menasha Health Dept.**

M-F 8:00am-4:00pm  
920-967-3520

### **Airing of Common Council Meetings**

City of Menasha Administration Committee, Board of Public Works and Common Council meetings are aired on Time Warner Access Channel 2 and ATT U-Verse Channel 99 on Thursdays starting at 8:30 pm

All broadcasts can be viewed on the City of Menasha website under the Agendas, Minutes and Televised Meetings link.



**Festival Foods**—1355 Oneida Street

**Orthopedic Spine Therapy**—1000 Midway Road

**One Menasha Center**—201 Main Street: Faith Technologies; Community First Credit Union; LJ Dental (offices only)

**La Belle Maison, LLC**—220 Main Street

**Parker John's BBQ & Pizza**—124 Main Street

**Studio One Productions**—1313 Midway Road

**Hmong Union Center**—325 Broad Street

**Metro PCS**—430 Third Street

#### **Coming Soon:**

**Biomat USA Menasha**—905 Midway Road

**Your Daily Grind**—204 Main Street

### **Menasha Events**

- **October 7th & 8th**—Creepy Crawlies Halloween Program at Heckrodt Wetland Reserve, 6-9PM
- **October 17th—November 14th**—Leaf Collection
- **October 27**—Downtown Menasha's Hometown Halloween Trick or Treat Event 4-6
- **October 27**—Great Pumpkin Hunt, Clovis Grove Park 6-7PM
- **October 31**—City Wide Trick or Treat 4-7PM
- **November 8**—General and Presidential Election; Polls open 7AM-8PM
- **December 9**—Holiday Hayride, Memorial Building at Smith Park, 5-9PM
- **December 31**—First Eve New Year Celebration and Ball Drop 10:30PM
- **January 28**—Smith Park Winter Gala, Smith Park and Memorial Building 12:00-3:30PM
- **February 21**—Spring Primary Election
- **April 4**—Spring Election

## **Leave your Leaves on Land**

*(Courtesy of [NEWSC.org](http://NEWSC.org))*

Fall leaves provide beautiful color on trees, but in local waters they contribute to green algae blooms—not so pretty. Cleaning up your yard in the fall properly will help keep our local waters clean too! Read these tips. Post this sheet in your garage near your rakes. Working together to keep leaves out of the storm drain and out of local waters will help keep green on the land and out of the water.

**Keep Your Leaves on Your Property** A great way to make sure leaves do not end up in local waters is to keep them on your property! Mulch leaves in place by making several passes over the leaves with a mulching mower. This will keep leaves on your lawn and provide it with nutrients it needs for healthy grass next spring. Collect leaves and spread them in garden beds or under shrubs. Here, leaves provide valuable protection for plants through the winter.

**Composting** is recycling your lawn trimmings and turning them into a rich soil, known as compost—a valuable resource for your garden and houseplants. Cold composting requires little maintenance but can take up to 2 years to complete. To create a cold compost pile, mix non-woody yard wastes and let them sit. Hot composting requires regular maintenance such as turning and watering. Typically, compost can be reached in 1-3 months. To create a hot compost pile, layer or mix roughly equal amounts of high nitrogen “Greens” (wet and soft materials, like grass clippings) and high carbon “Browns” (dry and woody, like dead leaves) with 10% bulky materials (wood chips) to keep the pile loose. All materials in the pile must stay moist but not soaking wet. Add water to maintain conditions conducive to the composting process. Turn the pile often.

**Raking & Collection** If you decided to collect your leaves for removal from your yard, follow your community leaf collection policies and schedules. Put a tarp over leaf piles between pick-up times to prevent them from blowing away. Remove leaves and debris from the gutters and storm sewer outlets.

## Ice and Snow Control

(Courtesy of NEWSO.org)

We can have safe walkways in the winter and cleaner water all year round. Winter in Northeast Wisconsin is a great time for outdoor fun, like ice fishing, ice skating, sledding, and skiing. Here, winter also means mountains of snow to shovel and layers of ice to remove from driveways and sidewalks. We often try to make ice removal easier by using products like salt and sand to melt the snow and ice. Many people do not realize that these products are harming local waters and the animals that rely on them. When the ice and snow melt, the salt and chemicals flow into street drains and lead directly to rivers and lakes.

**Shovel Often and Early** Shoveling often during and immediately following the storm removes the snow from walkways and driveways before it gets packed down by tires and feet. The most important part of de-icing is removing as much snow as possible before applying salt or sand—it's also great exercise!

**Make the Most of the Salt You Use** It is not always necessary to see bare pavement to have a safe winter surface. Ask yourself if it is necessary that the snow or ice be removed. For salt to be effective, air temperature needs to be warmer than the surface temperature of the area you want to treat. A little goes a long way. Use only the recommended amount. Throwing down more salt will not speed up the melting process. Use only enough deicer to break the bond between the ice and the pavement, then remove the remaining slush by shoveling.

**Limit the Amount of Sand You Use** Sand provides traction. It does not melt ice. Sand, although not chemical, contributes to polluting our local waters. It adds to the excess sediment that is entering waterways, eliminating important habitat for aquatic plants and animals. Sand does play a role in winter road management. It is often used by municipalities on roads to help maintain traction. Since ice removal is typically the concern of homeowners, sand may not be necessary.

## Tips from Menasha Police Department



### **Door to door sales**

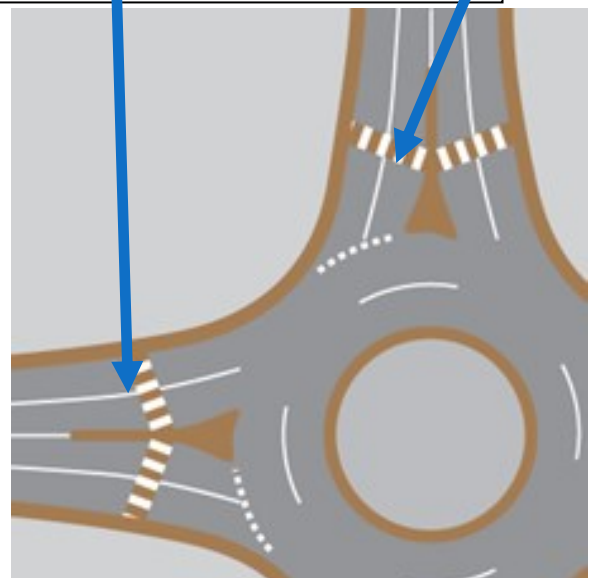
From time to time you may find a door-to-door sales representative at your door. This would be someone who is not invited or requested to be at your private residence for the purpose of soliciting orders for the sale of goods, wares and merchandise. You are not obligated to let anyone in your home without your consent. If someone appears at your door, regardless of circumstances, and they refuse to leave when you ask them to, you can call the police to assist with the situation. You do not have to let anyone in your home to use the bathroom.

A good rule of thumb is it's your home, apartment, residence; you are not obligated to let anyone into it. If the solicitor or other person makes you feel uncomfortable, please feel free to call the non-emergency number at 967-3500. If you feel threatened in any way, close the door and call 911. As our inspector Joe says, "when in doubt, lock em out"!

### **Pedestrian safety at roundabouts**

Today's roundabouts are designed to be safer for pedestrians than traditional intersections, primarily because the vehicles are generally moving slower. For more information go to the link shown <https://www.wsdot.wa.gov/Safety/roundabouts/PedestriansCyclists.htm>

When crossing the roadway, pedestrians should look for approaching traffic, then walk through the crosswalk to the triangular island. Before continuing, they should look for traffic entering or exiting the roundabout. *When it is safe*, pedestrians can continue through the crosswalk. Give drivers time to see you.





## Menasha Health Department Seeks Volunteers

HERE IS YOUR CHANCE TO MAKE A  
DIFFERENCE IN OUR COMMUNITY

The Menasha Health Department is looking for volunteers for health related catastrophic emergencies for our emergency preparedness program. This kind of event may require a city wide mass vaccination or medication clinic. We want to be prepared in case of an emergency event.

Volunteers are needed for non-medical tasks (medical tasks also-if qualified). No special skills are required. Tasks may include assisting in registration, helping clients fill out paperwork, greeting, security, kitchen help, and getting clients through the clinic process in a timely and orderly manner.

Each year, our staff and volunteers "walk through" our mass clinic site and review our plan. You and your family, friends, and neighbors are invited to become a part of this community effort.

Call Loretta at the Menasha Health Department for an application or answers to your questions at 967-3520.

**You do not need to live in Menasha to become a volunteer.**

## Credit Card Skimmers on Gas Pumps

The City of Menasha Health Department - Weights and Measures section has conducted an investigation on every gas pump cabinet within the City of Menasha. No credit card skimmers have been found to date. Stations were provided information and photos of what to look for. Recommendations were also given to station operator's to self-check pumps weekly and to install security seals or security tape at all access points. If you have any issues related to credit card fraud after using your card at a gas pump, please contact the Menasha Health Department or the Menasha Police Department to report your concerns.

The City of Menasha provides a comprehensive Weights and Measures program, which tests all devices used to compute consumer transactions such as gas pumps, scales, price scanning systems, timing devices, and measuring devices. Annual testing includes approximately 370 gas pumps, 165 scales, 32 price scanning systems, and audits 100+ commercial and store packaged items to ensure proper weight declarations. The program also audits security seals which are applied to these devices to prevent tampering. Please do not hesitate to contact Todd Drew, Sealer of Weights and Measures with questions regarding gas pump credit card skimmers or any other consumer protection related issue at (920) 967-3522 or email at [tdrew@ci.menasha.wi.us](mailto:tdrew@ci.menasha.wi.us).

## Save the Date!

**Menasha Healthy—City Track and Field Event  
May 23, 2017**

**Rain Date: May 25, 2017**



## Loop the Lake Project

According to Future Neenah Executive Director Amy Barker, the Loop the Lake Trestle Project is on schedule to begin building two new trestles starting Spring 2017. The 3.3 mile loop will be very popular and is expected to be completed by the Fall of 2017. Over 90% of the fundraising goal is complete but help is still needed to cross the finish line! If you would like to help build this community amenity or give the gift of permanent recognition to honor a family member or friend, please consider a donation to this project this holiday season.

How to donate: Please make checks payable to Navigate Neenah-Menasha and mail to 135 W. Wisconsin Ave, Neenah WI 54956. For more information visit us online at [www.neenah.org](http://www.neenah.org)



## Did you know...

**You can sit on boards and committees and be an active part of developing our community?**

If interested, come down to City Hall to fill out an application.

There are current openings on Police Commission, Landmarks Commission, Library Board, Sustainability Board, Utilities Commission, and Housing Authority.

Contact City Hall at 967-3608 for more information.

## DNR – Do you have all of the information you need?

**What is a DNR order?** DNR stands for do-not-resuscitate.

**Who qualifies as a DNR patient?** A "qualified patient" means a person who is at least 18 years old and who either has a terminal condition or has a medical condition where if the person were to suffer cardiac or pulmonary failure, resuscitation would be unsuccessful in restoring cardiac or respiratory function.

**How does a person obtain a DNR order?** Under Subchapter III of Wis. Stat. Chapter 154, an attending physician may issue a do-not-resuscitate order for a "qualified patient," as defined in Wis. Stat. s. 154.17 (4).

**How is a person identified as DNR?** There are two types of Do Not Resuscitate (DNR) bracelets available to identify a person with a valid DNR order.

One is a plastic ID bracelet, which looks like a hospital identification band and is free. The other is a metal bracelet, which is available from StickyJ® Medical ID for a fee. Both have been used in Wisconsin since 1995.

**How does Neenah-Menasha Fire Rescue respond to DNR patients?** As defined in Wis. Stat. s. 154.17 (2), a do-not-resuscitate order directs emergency medical technicians, first responders, and emergency health care facility personnel to not attempt cardiopulmonary resuscitation on the person for whom the order is issued if that person suffers cardiac or respiratory arrest. When NMFR personnel arrive on scene, the patient **MUST** be wearing the bracelet or resuscitative efforts will be initiated.

For more program information, please contact the Wisconsin Department of Health Services, Division of Public Health, Office of Preparedness and Emergency Health Care by calling 608-266-1568 or emailing [dhsemssmail@dhs.wisconsin.gov](mailto:dhsemssmail@dhs.wisconsin.gov).



### Did you know...

People checked out more than 427,400 items from the Elisha D. Smith Public Library in 2015, or slightly more than 17 items for every man, woman, and child living in the library's servicing area.

### Hometown Halloween!

Thursday, October 27th 4-6 PM Downtown Menasha

### City Wide Trick or Treating

October 31st 4-7PM



## Fall 2016/Winter 2017 Park and Recreation Activities

### Registration is now open!

Three ways to register:

1. Walk in/drop off at the Parks and Recreation Department at City Hall—2nd floor—8am-4pm. Cash or check only.
2. Mail in to:  
City of Menasha Parks and Recreation  
140 Main Street,  
Menasha, WI 54952
3. Online at <http://apm.activecommunities.com/cityofmenashaparks/home>

Get involved and stay active!

## Library News and Events

### Kids Events

- Family Story Time
- Bi-Lingual Story Time
- Baby Story Time
- See Library Website for details

### Community Events

- Legal Clinic first Tuesday of each month 4-6pm
- Employment Consultation second Tuesday of each month 4-6pm

Times are changing faster than ever. Keep up by taking a class or simply take a class to keep your mind active. Use your library card to sign up for a free six-week class and receive two lessons each week. Learn to play guitar, take a photography class, or learn more about your computer. Go to the library's website, click on Books, DVDs, & More to find online classes. No WiFi at home? Sign up for a class and watch your lessons at the library.

### Did you know...

You can take the Internet with you on vacation or try out the Internet at home for a couple weeks by checking out a WiFi Hotspot from the Library's Reference Desk. Connect up to 10 devices at a time!

## From the Code Enforcement Unit

With winter just around the corner, residents still need to be aware of the following ordinance. Animal feces still needs to be picked up on a regular basis. This benefits all as it will make it easier once the snow melts. (\*) In winter picking up the waste can be done a couple of times a week in your own yard, but must be picked up from sidewalks, street, and city property when it occurs.

**SEC. 7-1-10 ANIMAL FECES.** The owner or person in charge of any dog, cat, or other animal shall not permit solid fecal matter of such animal to **deposit on any street, alley, or other public or private property**, unless such matter is immediately(\*) removed there from by said owner or person in charge. The person in charge of any dog, cat, or other animal shall have in his or her possession a means to comply with this section.

(I) **ANIMAL EXCRETA.** The owner or any person having immediate control of an animal shall promptly remove and dispose of, in a sanitary manner, any excreta left or deposited by the animal upon any public or private property.

Please have a safe and happy Fall/Winter. And as always, if you should have any questions or concerns in regards to our city ordinances, please feel free to call me.

Joe Polzien - Code Enforcement Specialist  
Menasha Police Department 920-967-3548  
polzien@ci.menasha.wi.us

### Did you know...

You can rent the Senior Center for personal events? It's great for baby showers, wedding showers, family gatherings, etc. The space is available on the weekends for \$15/hr. the first 4 hours and \$5/hr. each additional hour. For more information call Barb at the Senior Center at (920) 967-3530.

### Did you know...

Every October, Neenah-Menasha Fire Rescue delivers fire prevention education to 2,600 children in grades 1, 2, & 3 in the Menasha and Neenah Joint School Districts.

## Menasha Health Department Flu Clinic

The Menasha Health Department will be offering **FREE** flu vaccines for children age 6 months through age 18. Adults 19 years or older will also be eligible for a **\$17.00 fee per dose**.

**LOCATION:** Butte des Morts Elementary School—501 Tayco Street, Menasha

**DATE:** October 28, Friday, 2016

**TIME:** 2:00 – 6:00PM

For more information contact the Menasha Health Department at 920-967-3520



## Updates and Information

### Project Share Fund Helps Local Community

For more than 25 years people in our community have given generously to the **PROJECT SHARE FUND** in order to help other people in Menasha who are experiencing financial difficulties and have no other alternative available for meeting their energy bills. Thanks to your help, in past years this program has provided energy assistance to nearly 1000 customers in Menasha and the number keeps increasing as a result of the economy. The money donated helps real people; a neighbor, a friend, or another family in our community.

**PROJECT SHARE FUND** contributions are **tax deductible** and all disbursements from the fund are authorized from LEAVEN, a non-profit agency based in Menasha. Please consider helping your neighbor by completing the contribution form that will be included with utility bills in October or by dropping off or mailing a contribution with your next utility bill.

### Energy Star Rebates are Popular and currently still available

**New Energy Star Appliance Rebate Program**  
Menasha Utilities offers a rebate for the purchase of certain Energy Star Appliances. Save energy costs for the life of the appliance.

**Residential Energy Star LED Light Bulb Rebate**  
LED lights are well established technology and the cost is coming down rapidly. To encourage you to try LEDs, Menasha Utilities is offering up to a \$5 rebate for each LED bulb (quantity limited to 4 per household).

Visit [www.menashautilities.com](http://www.menashautilities.com) for details on the events, efficiency programs, or to download the rebate applications. Rebates are available only while funding lasts. Call Lisa Miotke, Energy Services Representative at 967-3405 for further information.

### Looking for Help with Winter Energy Costs?

It's hard to predict how severe a winter will be and since heating is one of the largest utility costs to a homeowner, you could consider weatherizing and insulating your home to decrease bills and increase comfort. Utilize the Home Performance with Energy Star program offered through Focus on Energy. Proper weatherization will help keep your home comfortable in both winter and summer. If you are considering a new furnace check with Focus on Energy for available rebates before you purchase. Call 800-762-7077 or visit [www.focusonenergy.com](http://www.focusonenergy.com) for details.

For income eligible residents **WI Energy Assistance** can help with high winter bills. Call 866-432-8947 to apply.

### High School Scholarship

High school seniors may be eligible to win a \$1,500 scholarship. To qualify, the student's parents or legal guardian must be a customer of Menasha Utilities and/or reside in the City of Menasha when the application is submitted. Scholarship criteria, information, and profile forms will be mailed to the Guidance Office at our local high schools in October, or they can also be found on our website at:

[www.menashautilities.com](http://www.menashautilities.com). Completed applications are due to the Students Guidance Office no later than **March 27, 2017.**

### Park and Rec Special Events

#### Ice Skating at Hart Park

Winter Shelter Hours:  
Monday-Friday 4:00-8:00pm  
Saturdays/Holidays 12:00-8:00pm  
Sundays 1:00-8:00pm  
Rentals Available!

#### Open Gym at MHS Fieldhouse

Wednesdays 11/2-2/22 6:30-9:30pm  
\$1.-00 per night

#### Ski and Snowshoe Trails

- Smith Park Ski Trail
- Ski Trail and Snowshoeing Conservancy Area
- Snowshoeing at Heckrodt Wetland Reserve.
- Rentals Available!

**City of Menasha**  
140 Main Street,  
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## Current Election Information

Early voting, or in-office absentee voting, for the November 8 Election will run from September 26 to November 4, Monday through Friday from 8am-4pm. Remember to bring your photo ID to vote!

The Supreme Court has not changed the ruling on Wisconsin Act 23, which means a photo ID is still required to receive a ballot for all elections. Please come to the poll prepared—you will need to say your name, sign your name, and show your ID. If you need an ID for voting purposes, the DMV does provide a free voter ID—you can call the DMV or go to their website for more information ([www.wisconsin.gov](http://www.wisconsin.gov)). For more information on photo ID's you can visit [www.bringitwisconsin.com](http://www.bringitwisconsin.com).



The State of Wisconsin Elections Commission has created a website which allows voters to begin the registration process, check registration status, find their polling places, see what is on the ballot, request an absentee ballot, and more. Check it out at [www.myvote.wi.gov](http://www.myvote.wi.gov).

### **Polling places for upcoming elections are:**

Districts 1 & 2 **Senior Center**—116 Main St.  
Districts 3 & 4 **Boys & Girls Club**—600 Racine St.  
Districts 5 & 7 **Clovis Grove School**—974 9<sup>th</sup> St.  
District 6 **Jefferson School**—105 Ice St.  
District 8 **Winnegamie Dog Club**—2043 Manitowoc Rd

Polls open at 7am and close at 8pm. If you are in line at 8pm you will get to vote.

## 2017 Election Information

February 21, 2017—Spring Primary

April 4, 2017—Spring Election

Offices to be Elected

State: State Superintendent of Public Instruction; Supreme Court; Court of Appeals Judge; Circuit Court Judge. Local: Alderman for Districts 1, 3, 5, and 7.